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SUBJ: ADNOC PURCHASES SUPERTANKER

1. SHAIKH TAHNOUN, CHAIRMAN OF ABU DHABI NATIONAL OIL COMPANY (ADNOC)

,
HAS SIGNED AGREEMENT WITH BRITISH FIRM OCEAN TRANSPORT AND TRADING
CO. FOR PURCHASE OF FIRST SUPER TANKER FOR WHAT IS TO BE ABU DHABI
NATIONAL TANKERS CO. (ADNTC), WHOLELY OWNED SUBSIDIARY OF ADNOC.
269,000 TON CRUDE OIL TANKER TO BE CHRISTENED "DHAFRA" REPORTEDLY
COST \$25 MILLION AND IS TO BE DELIVERED AT PORTUGUESE PORT IN LATE
FEBRUARY-EARLY MARCH. CURRENT PLANS ARE TO PURCHASE TOTAL FIVE SUCH
VLCCS WITH SOME REPORTS THAT NEGOTIATIONS FOR SECOND VESSEL WELL
UNDERWAY.

2. COMMENT: WE HAVE HEARD REPORTS INFIGHTING, AND POSSIBLE
PAYOFF, WITHIN ADNOC RELATING TO BEST SOURCES FOR ACQUIRING TANKER
FLEET. FACT THAT PURCHASE CONCLUDED AT THIS TIME BEFORE FINAL FORMATI
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OF ADNTC PERHAPS INDICATES SUCCESSFUL POWER PLAY BY ONE FACTION
FINALLY TO SETTLE ISSUE. TIMING WAS SUFFICIENTLY UNUSUAL TO HAVE
PROMPTED INQUIRY IN GENERALLY QUIESCENT ABU DHABI CONSULTATIVE
COUNCIL. REPLY WAS THAT DECISION TAKEN BY ADNOC BOARD OF DIRECTORS
AND DID NOT AFFECT FORMATION OF ADNTC.
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